THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. A capacity of 305 MW has already been installed in the State from non-conventional energy sources, such as wind, biomass, small hydro and urban and industrial wastes. Resource assessment studies are being undertaken to assess the total potential of these resources. The State Government has announced a policy for promotion of non-conventional energy sources in the State, including wheeling, banking and buy-back of power from these projects.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Under the National Programme, wind monitoring studies were carried out at 60 locations in the State to identify suitable sites and assess the wind power potential. Based on the surveys conducted, a potential of 750 MW has been estimated, out of which a wind power capacity of 92 has already been established in the State.

Purchasing power by SEBs from DPC

3266. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to persuade State Electricity Boards and others to purchase power from Dabhol power company as a step towards settlement of the crisis; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Central Electricity Authority had held discussions with States to explore the possibility of their buying Dabhol power. The details of the quantum of power and acceptable tariff, etc. have also been discussed with the States by the Negotiating Committee set up by the Government of Maharashtra, who are required to take the final decision in the matter.

Bungling by officers of THDC

†3267. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten officers of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation have been involved in the irregularities concerning the excavation of chute spillway of Tehri Dam;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that this work has been executed by a prestigious company; and

(c) the total amount bungled and remedial steps Government have taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have registered a case involving ten officers of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC), for investigation into the alleged irregularities concerning the excavation of Chute spillway of Tehri Dam Project, executed by M/s. Jaiprakash Industries Limited. The investigations are in progress and THDC is providing all relevant records to the CBI.

Recommendation of Godbole Committee on Enron Power Projects at Dabhol

3268. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Godbole Committee on Enron Power Project at Dabhol has given its second report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to implement the recommendations of Godbole Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Energy Review Committee headed by Dr. Madhav Godbole was constituted by the Government of Maharashtra. The Committee has submitted its second report to the Government of Maharashtra on 11th July, 2001. The second report makes several recommendations regarding reform of the Maharashtra power sector. The recommendations in brief are as follows:

* Distribution regions should not be escrowed prior to privatisation.
* Government of Maharashtra should build consensus around its restructuring strategy.
* The report of the Committee should be published for information of the people as soon as possible.